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SUBJECT: ZAIRE INTEREST IN NORTHROP F-5 E

1. NORTHROP VICE PRESIDENT GATES CALLED DEPARTMENT TO REPORT THAT THEIR EUROPEAN REPRESENTATIVE HAD MET THE ZAIRE DEFENSE ATTACHE IN PARIS WHO IS MOBUTU' S YOUNGER BROTHER. ATTACHE HAD AFFIRMED THAT NO CONTRACT HAD BEEN SIGNED FOR MIRAGES AND EXPRESSED LIVELY INTEREST IN F-5 E. AS RESULT NORTHROP WANTED AUTHORIZATION TO MAKE PRESENTATION TO ZAIRE OF A PACKAGE TOTALLING AROUND \$25 MILLION FOR 3 F-5 B (TRAINERS) AND 9 F-5 E (FIGHTERS).

2. DEPARTMENT INFORMED GATES THAT NORTHROP COULD MAKE PRESENTATION ON UNDERSTANDING THAT (A) TRANSACTION WOULD BE ON A COMMERCIAL BASIS; (B) NO FMS CREDIT WOULD BE INVOLVED AND (C) THIS AUTHORIZATION DID NOT PREJUDGE FINAL DECISION IN EVENT ZAIRE DID WISH TO BUY THESE AIRCRAFT.

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3. DEPARTMENT'S FORMAL RESPONSE TO NORTHROP REQUEST
IS BEING COMMUNICATED TO COMPANY IN LETTER FROM OFFICE
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